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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	1487.0160001
First Inventor	Paul Febvre
Title	Method And Apparatus For Timing Correction In Communications Systems (As Amended)
Express Mail Label No.	

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

## ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 25]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
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    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
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  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37CFR 1.136(a)(3)  
The name of the assignee is: Inmarsat Ltd.

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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Prior application information:

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Art Unit: 2684

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Application Number	To Be Assigned (Divisional of Appl. No. 439,348; Filed: November 15, 1999)
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	- 20 **	X	
Multiple Dependent	- 3 **	X	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
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1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
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1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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(Divisional of Appl. No. 09/439,348; Filed: November 15, 1999)  
Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: *Herewith*  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Timing Correction in Communications Systems (As Amended)**  
Inventors: Febvre *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1487.0160001

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**Communication Methods and Apparatus**

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the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
  - b. A copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/439,348;
  - c. A copy of the decision granting a petition to accord § 1.47 status to Appl. No. 09/439,348;
  - d. A specification containing:
    - i. 19 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 5 pages of claims (25 claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - e. 10 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9a-9c and 10a-10c);
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  9. A copy of Claim to Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d); as originally filed in U.S. Appl. 09/439,348;
  10. A certified copy of United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9905182.3, filed March 5, 1999, priority of which is hereby claimed;
  11. A Preliminary Amendment;
  12. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
  13. 11 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9a-9c and 10a-10c);

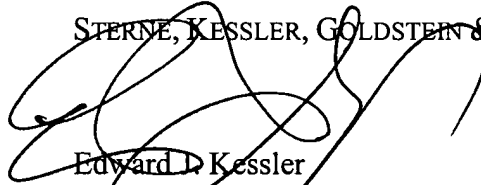
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14. An Information Disclosure Statement;
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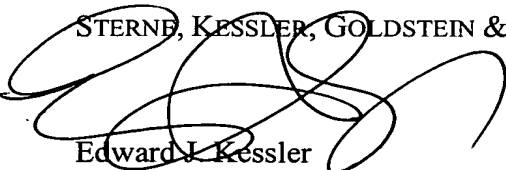
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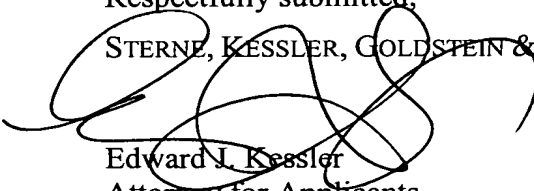
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Submitted herewith are 11 sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9a-9c and 10a-10c, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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